

Spring Creek Chapter Trout Unlimited Board Meeting
September 13, 2021
6:00PM to 8:00PM via Zoom

Reported by: **Frances H. Stevenson**, Secretary

Attendance: Jamie San Filippo, John Himes, Jim Pivrotto, Frances Stevenson,
Bob Vierck, Ford Stryker, Bob Sills, Bob Cross, Dave DeWalle
Absent: Mario Carrello, Ray Faczan, Heather Sees, Betty Bloom

Meeting called to order by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 6:00pm

June 2021 Board Meeting Minutes – **Frances H. Stevenson**

No Amendments

Motion to approve: **John Himes**

Second: **Bob Sills**

Motion carried

Treasurers Report – **Mario Carrello**

No Amendments

Motion to approve: **Bob Vierck**

Second: **John Himes**

Old Business

Thursday September 2nd – Mt Nittany Winery Event: **Jamie San Filippo** –
The event went well and everyone had a good time

Christmas Party – Pleasant Gap American Legion, Friday, December 10th:
Jamie San Filippo – A reminder

Giant Benner Pike – Stormwater Management Plan – **Ford Stryker**

The plan has been reviewed with the designer of the development and
the Benner Township Engineer

Includes a large retention basin which goes above and beyond
the requirements

There are no technical grounds to take action

New Business

October 7th General Meeting via Zoom: Matt Reilly - Musky, Small Mouth
Bass and Cicada's

November 4th General Meeting via Zoom: Dr. Bob Carline – Climate Change

Youth Education policy of requirements to work with youth

Question was raised if there is a policy to work with youth

Statement was made that no one is certified to work with youth

Jamie San Filippo stated the YMCA of Centre County is very serious
about who works around their youth

5% of child sex offenders have a criminal record; 95% are not
prosecuted and convicted

Statement was made that background checks and training should be
required for all SCCTU members and volunteers working with youth and
all board members should be certified

Ford Stryker recommends background checks for all volunteers
working with children

The Centre County Youth Service Bureau requires background checks and Stewards of Children training for all staff and volunteers

Neither training or background checks are expensive
Jamie San Filippo will send the required paperwork for certification to all SCCTU board members and arrange for in person training

It was noted that On Line training options are also available
SCCTU has no formal policy. Both PATU and TU National will be contacted to determine what policies they have in place

Ford Stryker stated that SCCTU should have a written policy for training and certification and the policy should be codified

Certification is required to be updated every 3 years

John Himes will investigate policies with PATU and TU National and draft a policy for SCCTU

Jamie San Filippo will provide the policy adopted by the YMCA
Once a policy is drafted and approved it will be placed on the website

Board Recruitment

Bob Sills, John Himes and **Jamie San Filippo** will be ending their terms in 2021

Bob Vierck thinks that per the By-Laws board members are allowed to serve for 4 terms

President may serve for 2 two year terms

Treasurer must provide monthly reviews and a monthly

Treasurer's report

The By-Laws are on the website

The President and Sr. Vice President must each be reelected at the annual meeting

Both **Jamie San Filippo** and **John Himes** stated they will serve another 2 year term if elected

Bob Sills will not serve another term on the board or as VSP Chair

Ford Stryker advised that terms for Board of Directors are 3 years and per the By-Laws there are no term limits

President serves a 2 year term

Past President serves a 2 year term

No terms for committee chairs

Elections will be held in December

Younger members are needed to fill board positions

Committees and Chairs

Communications – **Jim Pivrotto** will learn what is needed to keep the website up to date

Jamie San Filippo suggested that Andy Wink from another TU Chapter may be willing to help renovate the website

Membership – **Bob Cross**

Ford Stryker will continue to chair the banquet for now

Bob Cross questioned what are the actual duties of the membership chair and is he required to go to events and recruit members? It was stated that duties include:

Outreach

Identifying prospects for Board of Directors

Bob Vierck thinks more can be done to recruit members and it will be helpful when SCCTU meetings are able to be held in person

Ford Stryker advised the Rutgers game in November will be Military Day and an opportunity for vets to sign up for VSP

Jamie San Filippo said in past years SCCTU attending Military Day has not been productive for the Chapter

Vet's signed up but never attended events

Bob Sills agreed

More people from out of town attended the game and Military Day events than local people

More than anything Military Day provided visibility for SCCTU

Decision was made not to attend Military Day and the Rutgers game in 2021

Bob Cross and **Bob Vierck** both think that we need to attract local people to general meetings and talk about local projects and improvements done by SCCTU

Financial Development

Need a person to work on exclusively

In the past has been the president

Topics

Legacy planning

Development of donors

Veteran's Service Program

Looking for a new chair

Legislative/Advocacy

Role of chair is difficult to fill

Attend community meetings

Read legislative materials for local, state and national government issues

John Himes will consider taking the role

Bob Cross will continue to attend Benner Township Planning Commission meetings and report to the SCCTU BOD

General Meetings – **Jamie San Filippo** and **Dave Dewalle**

SCCTU is always looking for speakers with knowledge and expertise in issues relevant to SCCTU

Committee Reports

Conservation – **Bob Vierck**

A video was shown of the work being done at Sparrow Run
There are 2 ½ weeks left in the schedule but work probably will not be completed due to the weather issues

90% should be done by end of September

Work crew is locked out of the stream as of October 1st

Women Anglers – **Fran Stevenson**

July event – Was well attended by 18 members, fished McCoy Dam and finished the day with a pizza party at the Queen B & B hosted by member Nancy Noll.

August event – Meeting at Fly Fishers Paradise hosted by Dennis Charney and Ashley Wilmont who advised what members should have in their fly boxes

September 2022 Retreat – Planning by Judi Sittler, Diane Brown and Fran Stevenson. Will teach those attending skills to work with other women who want to learn how to fly fish

Instruction by George and Amidea Daniels

Potential location at Godspeed, Port Matilda, Bald Eagle Creek

More to come

VSP – **Bob Sills**

A coaches training was held in August at the Penn's Valley YMCA

People skills

How to meet and greet

Nymphing

Leader tying

Scott Winter presentation on Veteran's mental health issues

September 15th – First meeting with the Vets

What do they want to learn

Equipment is provided

No skills are required

First on water session will be scheduled in October

Youth Education – **Jamie San Filippo**

Trunk or Treat event, October 22nd, 5:00pm – 7:00pm State College
YMCA

General Meetings – See New Business

Scheduled though end of the year

Meeting Adjourned by **Jamie San Filippo** at: 7:34pm

Motion to approve: **Bob Sills**

Second: **Dave Dewalle**

Motion carried

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- Action Items
 - Banquet details – **Ford Stryker**,
- Old Business
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- New Business
- Committee Reports
 - Women Anglers –
 - VSP – **Jim Lanning**
 - Membership and PR – **Board Members**
 - Social – **Mark Pencak**
 - Annual Banquet – **Ford Stryker**
 - Conservation – **Bob Vierck**
- Board Member Comments/Announcements/Concerns
- Meeting adjournment:
 - Adjourned by **Lynn** at:
 - Motion:
 - Second: